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## RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2007, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments, which are believed to place the above-identified patent application in condition for allowance.